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Oakland Community Tour: Tuesday, May 9th, 2023

Time	Event	Attendees	Description
8:30am - 10am	Welcoming Reception + Breakfast	<i>Press: Closed</i> <i>Attendees: By Invite Only</i>	Get to know Communities for a Better Environment, Environmental Democracy Project, federal officials, and additional special guests during this intimate breakfast and opening conversation.
10am - 1pm	Toxic Tour	<i>Press: Open</i> <i>Attendees: By Invite Only</i>	Communities for a Better Environment and Environmental Democracy Project will guide attendees through a Toxic Tour to spotlight longstanding environmental injustices. Community residents and activists will share their stories and experiences as participants see the impacts on the ground. Stops include Coliseum City, AB & I Foundry, Railroad Boulevard and many more!
1pm - 2pm	Lunch	<i>Press: Closed</i> <i>Attendees: Open to Community Members</i>	
2pm - 4pm	Justice40 Community Briefing and Roundtable Conversation	<i>Press: Closed</i> <i>Attendees: Open to Community Members</i>	Communities for a Better Environment, Environmental Democracy Project, and other local community members will spotlight community-led solutions that address environmental injustice, like those spotlighted in the Toxic Tour, while WE ACT staff and federal officials and electeds, will dive into the potential of the Justice40 Initiative and upcoming funding opportunities afforded by the Inflation Reduction Act and Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.

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What is Justice40rward? Justice40rward is a community-led effort launched by **WE ACT for Environmental Justice**, to ensure transparency and collaboration between elected officials, municipalities, and those who live in disadvantaged communities that the Justice40 Initiative was designed to support. Our work begins with making sure people, including local and state officials, understand the Justice40 Initiative, announced by President Biden in January 2021, and informing them about the billions of federal dollars in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, Inflation Reduction Act, and other appropriations that can be accessed to address environmental injustices in their communities. [Learn more here!](#)

Helpful information:

- Recommended Hotel:
 - Option #1: Oakland Marriott City Center (1001 Broadway, Oakland, CA 94607)
 - Option #2: Courtyard Oakland Downtown (988 Broadway, Oakland, CA 94607)
- RSVP Form: <https://forms.gle/6Yf6VvCgEJqqgLUq5>
- Questions? Reach out to astrid@weact.org or naadiya.hutchinson@weact.org

Meet the Oakland Community Tour Hosts:

Communities for a Better Environment (CBE) mission is to build people's power in California's communities of color and low income communities to achieve environmental health and justice by preventing and reducing pollution and building green, healthy and sustainable communities and environments. CBE provides residents in heavily polluted urban communities in California with organizing skills, leadership training and legal, scientific and technical assistance, so that they can successfully confront threats to their health and well-being.

Environmental Democracy Project (EDP) utilizes the 3-pronged approach of education, advocacy, and litigation to ensure compliance with environmental laws ,and protection of community health, and an open and democratic process is at the core of every economic development decision impacted the underrepresented communities of California with specific focus on East Oakland.

WE ACT for Environmental Justice is a Northern Manhattan membership-based organization whose mission is to build healthy communities by ensuring that people of color and/or low-income residents participate meaningfully in the creation of sound and fair environmental health and protection policies and practices. WE ACT has offices in New York and Washington, D.C.

The Environmental Justice Leadership Forum is a national coalition of nearly 50 organizations in 22 states that work to ensure a diverse grassroots perspective is present in federal, state, and local policy decisions. Members are based in red, blue, and swing states including those in the Appalachia, Deep South, Extreme Northwest, Midwest, Northeast and Southwest regions and represent Black, Latinx, Indigenous and low-income White communities in large, midsize, and small cities.